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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 2001-132787) on Form PTO- 1449:

This reference is discussed on page 1, 2, and 13 of the specification.

Reference AP (JP 2003-231796) on Form PTO- 1449:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 2003-231796 discloses a thermoplastic resin composition which is excellent in rolling, drawing, deep drawing and form setting abilities at ordinary temperature, and also excellent in toughness, impact resistance, rigidity and strength.

The thermoplastic resin composition is obtained by preparing a mixture substance containing (A) 50 to 90 parts by weight of polyester resin, (B) 50 to 10 parts by weight of polycarbonate resin (the total of (A) and (B) are 100 parts by weight), (C) 5 to 100 parts by weight of a block copolymer which has a block containing at least one vinyl aromatic compound polymer and a block containing at least one conjugate diene compound polymer and (D) 0.1 to 5 parts by weight of multifunctional isocyanate compound, and kneading the mixture by using a shear kneading apparatus at the temperature which is not lower than room temperature and less than the fusing point of the polyester resin.

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Reference AQ (JP 2003-183486) on Form PTO- 1449:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 2003-183486 discloses a waste PET resin composition which is obtained by processing a PET pulverized product such as a spent waste PET bottle and the like into crystalline PET which is excellent in injection moldability and is not deteriorated by hydrolysis.

The waste PET resin composition is obtained by unfused shear kneading a PET pulverized product of spent waste PET product or the PET pulverized product with a filler by using a kneading apparatus at temperatures of from 20 to 220 °C. When the rising temperature of the waste PET resin composition is measured by a differential scanning calorimeter, heating peak caused by crystallization of PET is not appeared.

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Reference AR (JP 2003-213112) on Form PTO- 1449:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 2003-213112 discloses a waste PET resin composition which is obtained by using a pulverized product of PET product such as a spent waste PET bottle and the like, and which is suitable for extrusion molding and is excellent in mechanical properties.

The thermoplastic resin composition is obtained by kneading (A) 100 parts by weight of a PET pulverized product of spent waste PET product, (B) 3 to 60 parts by weight of polyolefine resin, (C) 2 to 80 parts by weight of a block copolymer which has a block comprising at least one vinyl aromatic compound polymer and a block comprising at least one conjugate diene compound polymer and (D) 1 to 50 parts by weight of multilayered polymer in which an olefine copolymer containing epoxy radical and vinyl (co) polymer are grafting copolymerized, by using a kneading apparatus at the temperature which is not lower than the fusing point of polyolefine resin and less than the fusing point of the PET pulverized product.

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Reference AS (JP 2003-221498) on Form PTO- 1449:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 2003-221498 discloses a waste PET resin composition which is obtained by using a pulverized product of PET product such as a spent waste PET bottle and the like, and which is suitable for extrusion molding and is excellent in mechanical properties.

The thermoplastic resin composition is obtained by kneading (A) 100 parts by weight of a PET pulverized product of spent waste PET product, (B) 1 to 100 parts by weight of a block copolymer which has a block comprising at least one vinyl aromatic compound polymer and a block comprising at least one conjugate diene compound polymer and (C) 0 to 50 parts by weight of multilayered polymer in which an olefine copolymer containing epoxy radical and vinyl (co)polymer are grafting copolymerized, by using a kneading apparatus at the temperature which is not lower than room temperature and less than the fusing point of the PET pulverized product.

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